

IN THE TITLE

Please replace the current title, "Method and Apparatus for Considering Diagonal Wiring in Placement," with "Method and Apparatus for Using Connection Graphs with Potential Diagonal Edges to Model Interconnect Topologies During Placement."

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, line 1, please insert--

Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application is a continuation application of United States Patent Application entitled "Method and Apparatus for Considering Diagonal Wiring in Placement," filed on December 6, 2000, and having the Serial No. _____.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-42 and 65-87.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendments is concurrently filed with the above-entitled application, which is a continuation application of a presently pending application entitled "Method and Apparatus for Considering Diagonal Wiring in Placement," filed on December 6, 2000. In this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have changed the title of